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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Independent claims 1, 7, 8, and 15 have been amended herein. Additionally, claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 20 have been amended herein to cure minor informalities. A listing of all claims is found at pages 2-6. Favorable consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments herein.

In prior prosecution, claims 1-2, 5-9, 13-16, and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Amberg *et al.* (U.S. 5,963,743) and claims 3-4, 10-12, and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Amberg *et al.* in view of Jones *et al.* (U.S. 5,666,501). Pursuant to the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, independent claims 1, 7, 8, and 15 have been amended herein and are believed to obviate such rejections. In particular, independent claim 1 (and similarly independent claims 7, 8, and 15) as amended recites that an interface component obtains location scenario information pertaining to a location of a device within a network upon which the software system is to be installed. Further, a setup component configures the software system by providing recommended, selectable components for installation corresponding to the location of the device within the network. Amberg *et al.* and Jones *et al.*, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest such claimed aspects.

Rather, Amberg *et al.* discloses installing software onto a computer system by utilizing a descriptor file obtained by converting an order into a computer readable format. (See col. 4, ll. 7-10). The descriptor file can include a listing of hardware and/or software components to be installed onto a target system. (See col. 4, ll. 14-18). Thus, a customer can place an order and a corresponding descriptor file can be generated for installing components related to the order. However, Amberg *et al.* is silent with regard to obtaining information pertaining to a location of a device within a network. Moreover, Amberg *et al.* does not teach or suggest providing recommended, selectable components for installation, where the recommendation can be tuned based upon the location of the device within the network.

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Further, Jones *et al.* fails to make up for the aforementioned deficiencies of Amberg *et al. vis a vis* independent claims 1, 7, 8, and 15 as amended. Jones *et al.* relates to installing software over a distributed network; such software can reside upon one machine and be provided to a disparate machine for installation. (See col. 1, ln. 66 – col. 2, ln. 2). For instance, the installation can be in response to a selection by a user. (See col. 2, ll. 2-16). However, Jones *et al.* fails to teach or suggest utilizing a location of a device within a network to provide recommended, selectable components of a software system that can be installed.

Accordingly, independent claims 1, 7, 8, and 15 (and claims 2-6, 9-14, and 16-21 which depend there from) are believed to be allowable. Thus, it is respectfully requested that these rejections be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP173US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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